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Update on construction related to the MD 355 Crossing Project on Rockville Pike at the Medical Center Metro Station in Bethesda near NSAB, Walter Reed and NIH.

CONTROLLED BLAST:

Weather permitting, Friday, August 4, between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM, is the next scheduled controlled blast for the MD 355 Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station in Bethesda near NSAB, Walter Reed and NIH.

There will be a single explosive blast. Alarm horns will sound five minutes prior to the blast and traffic will be halted on Rockville Pike between Jones Bridge Road and South Wood Drive (Navy Gate #2) for approximately 10 minutes. It is anticipated that very minimal vibrations will be felt, and the alarm horns will be heard only by people in the immediate vicinity.

UPCOMING LANE CLOSURES:

In addition, please note these upcoming scheduled lane closures on MD 355 between Woodmont Avenue and Wilson Drive:

- WEEKDAYS, JULY 31 - APPROX. AUGUST 18: The RIGHT SOUTHBOUND lane will be closed 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Friday, July 31 through approximately August 18.
- OVERNIGHT, AUGUST 3-4: Two SOUTHBOUND lanes will be closed OVERNIGHT Thursday, August 3, from 10:00 PM thru 5:00 AM August 4.
- WEEKEND OF AUGUST 4-7: Two SOUTHBOUND lanes will be closed from 10:00 PM Friday August 4 through 5:00 AM Monday August 7.
- WEEKEND OF AUGUST 11-14: Two SOUTHBOUND lanes will be closed from 10:00 PM Friday August 11 through 5:00 AM Monday August 14.

This work is part of the ongoing construction of the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station, which will establish a shallow pedestrian underpass between NIH and Naval Support Activity Bethesda/Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and deep elevators on the Navy side of MD 355 to the Metrorail mezzanine. Construction of the Crossing Project is anticipated through mid-2021.

Please note that the area of Rockville Pike near the Medical Center Metro Station, NIH and NSAB/Walter Reed is a construction zone. Please pay attention to all signs, and drive, walk or bike carefully through the area.

Development Projects

Learn more about current and future development projects in Montgomery County.

<http://montgomeryplanning.org/development>



You May Be Eligible for a Property Tax Credit

Modest income homeowners and adults over age 65 may qualify for a property tax credit. To receive the tax credit for this year, you must apply by Sept. 1. For more information [view or download brochure](#).

- Also, an additional tax credit is available to homeowners [who are elderly or retired military](#).
- And, seniors can opt to [defer property tax increases](#).
- Renters: If you have modest income, you might qualify for a rent rebate. Applications are due Sept. 1, but it's good to file early. [Check out whether you might qualify and how to apply](#).

Minimum Wage Impact Study Requested by County Executive Ike Leggett Shows Impacts of Proposed County Minimum Wage Hike To \$15 An Hour

A report commissioned by County Executive Ike Leggett that was released on Tuesday, August 1 showed the likely impacts of a proposed increase in the County minimum wage from \$11.50 an hour to \$15.

- **Minimum Wage Increase Impact Study:** [Executive Summary | Full Report](#)
- [Washington Post story: "Study: Montgomery would lose 47,000 jobs by 2022 if minimum wage went to \\$15"](#)
- [Washington Post editorial on the Report: "Sobering news for \\$15 minimum-wage boosters"](#)
- [Bill 28-17 - Human Rights and Civil Liberties - County Minimum Wage - Amount - Annual Adjustment](#)

National Night Out

County Executive Ike Leggett joined Police Chief Tom Manger and State's Attorney John McCarthy for a tour of several of the County's National Night Out events. They were joined by other leaders in law enforcement such as Sheriff Darren Popkin and Maryland National Capital Park Police Chief Antonio DeVaul, and other elected officials such as Councilmembers Roger Berliner and Sidney Katz. Communities came together to get to know their neighbors and the members of law enforcement and public safety that serve the County.

To learn more about the National Night Out tradition and how to form a Neighborhood Watch program [click here](#).



Salvadoran American Heritage Day

August 6 11:00am-7:00pm

Montgomery College

51 Mannakee Street, Rockville

Live music, great food, health screening, and more ---- all free!

For more information, visit www.festivalcotsa.org



Montgomery County Agricultural Fair: August 11 - 19

Admission for adults is \$10, children 11 yrs & under are FREE! (Free same day re-admission, get your hand stamped at the gate before departing). Visit www.mcagfair.com for more information.



BlackRock Center for the Arts presents . . .

BlackRock presents exhibitions of contemporary art by emerging and established artists which change monthly in both the **Kay Gallery** and **Terrace Gallery**. An expanding program of Gallery Events now includes free Family Programs, Gallery Tours for groups of all ages, Lectures, Artist Talks and Demonstrations.

To learn about Gallery Exhibitions, Events & Opportunities, click on the links below:

[Current Exhibitions](#)

[Upcoming Exhibitions](#)

[Gallery Events](#)

[Exhibition Opportunities](#)

Gallery Hours: Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

* Galleries are often open in the evening and on weekends when classes and performances are being offered at BlackRock. Galleries are closed on certain days when exhibits are being installed. Please call 301-528-2260 to confirm gallery open hours before you visit.

Galleries Closed to the public on the following dates: December 19, 2016 – January 6, 2017

County Council will be on recess until September 11th; Planning Board will be out until September 7th.

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>